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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 9, 2008. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: